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Judge Steven Rhodes
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
E.D. MICHIGAN - DETROIT

Dear Judge Rhodes ;

Just imaging what if Detroit were a city with 700,000 citizens who are/were 80% white/caucasian that :

- **Sends more money to the state of Michigan than any other city.**
- **Shares almost as much money it receives from its casinos to the state coffer .**
- **Takes in over a million dollars a day .**
- **Has not missed a bond payment or payroll until Orr'shenanigans**
- Pays taxes to keep the Smart Bus System which operates primarily in Oakland County and surrounding areas .
- Pays taxes into a park system which does not operate a park in its city .
- Has had its school system taking over three (3) times, local school board abolished and left a deficit of \$ 200million dollars .
- Was promised \$ 300 million dollars from the state if local taxes were not raised but did not pay
- Voted to repeal the emergency law act but a modified version still imposed on your city .

VOILA!

AS A CHAMPION AND SUPPORTERS OF FREEDOMS WHICH ARE GUARANTEED BY THE US CONSTITUTION OR BELIEVERS IN LOCAL CONTROL, IS THIS RIGHT UNDER THE LAW TO TAKE AWAY A CITY RIGHTS – VOTING OR OWNERSHIP ?

Even with this usurp of local control, Gov . Snyder still was not satisfied ; HE AND HIS lieutenants came up with a BOGUS CONSENT AGREEMENT .

THIS IDEA STILL ALLOWED THE STATE TO DRAIN THIS WHITE CITY OVER \$62 MILLION DOLLARS TO GIVE THREE (3) CONSULTANTS FIRMS MONEY SUPPOSEDLY FOR STUDIES .

Some of the city folks became aware of the state's foolishness; they went to court to stop the madness BUT THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE RUSHED TO COURT DECLARED DETROIT WAS BANKRUPT AND NEEDED AN EMERGENCY MANAGER !

ARE YOU NOW READY TO LET YOUR " FORKED TONGUED"GOVERNOR SNYDER TO DECLARE YOUR CITY A BANKRUPT CITY ?

WHAT ARE THIS WHITE CITY BANKRUPTCY CONDITIONS ?

- The filings by Orr, the Em, showing Detroit with a \$ 18 billion liability of unfunded pensions and health care liabilities or as stated in Detroit Free Press, Sunday, July 21,2013 " Orr announces that he filed for municipal bankruptcy last week, citing growing debt on benefits owed to current and future retirees . "
- **Detroit's pensions are funded 80 %; the state of Michigan's pensions are funded 60 % . Detroit Free Press article, (Sat., Aug.1, 2013) highlighted that Bond Buyer, Wall Street publication, reported Morningstar, a major investment adviser, found actuarial evaluation of Detroit pensions funds to be accurate ; saying that the funds are more than 90 % funded . DOES THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE FUND IS INADEQUATE ?**
- NOW DID SNYDER DECLARE THE STATE BANKRUPT WITH ITS PENSIONS ONLY FUNDED 60 % ?
- There are over 40 local municipalities with unfunded pensions .Were these cities taken over ?
- Furthermore, Pew Center released a survey that showed 61 of the nation's largest cities had a gap of more than \$ 217 billion in unfunded pensions . "State Budget Solutions cited such cities with unfunded liabilities such as : Chicago- \$ 19 billion ; Los Angeles - \$ 9.4 billion ; Baltimore -\$680 million (Detroit Free Press , Sun., July, 2013).

- What city has funded its pensions into perpetuity ? Even the federal government pensions are not fully funded ; it has been said that that is why old US congressman Issas of California is having the US post office fund its pension for twenty years to help supplement the federal government's pension .

AND TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, THIS EMERGENCY MANAGER DID NOT STOP WITH THE ABOVE REVELATIONS – DESTROYING CITY WORKERS BENEFITS- HE WENT FOR THE JUGULAR !

NOW THAT THE WORLD SEES PUTIN OF RUSSIA'S ACTION THIS TAKE OVER OF ASSETS AND LANDIN DETROIT IS AKIN TO PUTIN'S BEHAVIOR WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD COMDEMNS !

HE AND SNYDER HAVE USED THE CONCEPT OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO TAKE OVER DETROIT'S ASSETS .DOES THIS GIVE THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENRY ANY RESPECT ?

- The state of Michigan forced the city council to give up Cobo Hall to the region . WHY ? FOR SOME BOGUS REPORT THAT THE REGION WOULD SUPPLY MONEY FOR AN UPGRADE .
 1. It has been documented that monies from the parking facilities alone would/ could have paid for the improvements .
 2. Recently, the authority was promising to send checks to surrounding counties from the Cobo Deal . MONEY THAT DETROITERS PAID FOR !
- THE STATE OF MICHIGAN USING ITS EM , ORR, LITERALLY SEIZED BELLE ISLE FROM THE CITY/ with pretension of being a state park it would upgrade the park .
 - 1 .Certainly, you know that people can think and many are aware that this Nerd Governor and his buddies in Lansing have almost never done anything positive for Detroit – owes the city \$ 300million dollars from a previous agreement, owes DPS \$ 200 million from the deficit left by Engler after the 1999 takeover ; Grant money allocated to Detroit for its health services which the city should administer, he(Snyder) gave to Wyandotte to administer .
 2. The Belle Isle state deal has no state money included . IT DOES NOT TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO KNOW THAT BY CHARGING A FEE (\$ 11) WILL GIVE THE STATE THE REVENUE .(The city

could have done that on its own .) SO WHAT IS THE DEAL ?

- One report floated that many of the other state parks were losing money and Belle Isle with its heavily use population would add to the state park coffer . SOUND LOGICAL ?

➤ TAKEOVER OF THE DETROIT WATER DEPARTMENT AND REGIONALIZING IT HAS BEEN A DESIRE OF THE AREA FOR OVER 40 YEARS . YOU KNOW THE ISSUES :

- Detroit built the system .
- The city was sued to have the water system extended to the suburbs .
- Now that the system has been extended the suburbs think they should have control although Detroiters still pay higher rates than their suburbans' customers .
- WHO COMES TO THEIR RESCUE ? VOILA ! – SNYDER AND HIS “ HATCHET MAN “, ORR .

NOW DOES THE ABOVE LANDSCAPE OF A MAJORITY WHITE DETROIT WITH SAID RESOURCES BE CONSIDERED BANLRUPT ?

- General Motors, Chrysler, the BANKS and WALL STREET were not allowed to go into bankruptcy . THE US GOVERNMENT BAILED THEM OUT !
- Many keep vocalizing the importance of Detroit to the state . Then why has the state atleast given Detroit – 1. The \$ 300 million owed . 2. Raise its revenue sharing amount (remember Detroit gives Lansing more money than any other city, 3.Stop taking the city's casino money, etc ...)

NOW, JUDGE RHODES, TO THE REALITY NOT FANTASY WORLD, AS A JUDGE IF DETROITERS CANNOT GET JUSTICE IN THE COURT SYSTEM WHAT OTHER ALTERNATIVE DO THEY HAVE ?

We/I have been taught through history and the US CONSTITUTION that justice is blind and one should not be discriminated against because of race, creed, religion, etc.

ALSO MANY OF US WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT JUDGES ARE MERCIFUL AND HAVE THE LAW AND WISDOM AND WITH THAT WISDOM HOPEFULLY UNDERSTANDING !

Honorable Judge Rhodes, in this fantasy Detroit would you DECLARE A WHITE DETROIT BANKRUPT WITH THE PLAN AND ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED BY ORR AND THE GOVERNOR ?

I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD ALLOW THE DIGNITY, THE SANITY AND SYMBOLISM OF THE ROBE TO BE TARNISHED !

PLEASE SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER !

Yours truly,



Mrs. A . Hill- Higgins

Cc : Attorney General Holder, 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, Detroit Free Press, Detroit News and personnel, Local news stations and personnel, State legislators, etc.